

# Weekly Newscast Lesson Plan



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## Objectives:

- To develop listening skills
- To increase vocabulary
- To increase knowledge of current events
- To provide an authentic learning resource

## Contents:

- Three news stories
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## News story #1 Clinton keeps campaigning after time off for illness

### Setting the Scene



Hillary Clinton, the Democratic Party candidate for the 2016 American presidential election. (Andrew Hamik/Associated Press) (CBC file photo)

In the United States of America, there will be an election in November to choose the next president of the country. Hillary Clinton, the candidate for the Democratic Party, recently took time off because she was ill. The other candidate, Donald Trump of the Republican Party, criticized her for being ill.

### Pre-listening Questions

Who is the current president of the United States?

What do you know about Hillary Clinton? What do you know about her opponent, Donald Trump?

How are presidents and other leaders chosen in your home country?

## Vocabulary

### Sentence Completion

Learning some of the new words you will hear in the listening will help you understand the news story. Use the vocabulary words below to complete the sentences. *Answers are in the appendix.*

<b>campaign (n.)</b>	a plan to achieve something (e.g., winning an election)
<b>recover (v.)</b>	to feel better after being sick or hurt
<b>pneumonia (n.)</b>	an illness in the lungs
<b>memorial (n.)</b>	something to remind people of an important event or person
<b>commemorate (v.)</b>	to remember someone or something respectfully, in an event
<b>staggering (v.)</b>	walking without balance, almost falling
<b>diagnosed (v.)</b>	to have your illness identified by a doctor
<b>suited (to) (adj.)</b>	right for a job or situation
<b>physician (n.)</b>	doctor
<b>elect (v.)</b>	choose a person for a job by voting

1. The first time Nancy wore high-heeled shoes, she was \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't walk well.
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3. People who smoke cigarettes are at risk of many illnesses, like lung cancer or \_\_\_\_\_.
4. That statue of a man on a horse is a \_\_\_\_\_ to Albertans who fought in the Boer War.
5. Until you \_\_\_\_\_ from that injured knee, I don't think you're \_\_\_\_\_ to play football.
6. After the singer Prince died, many fans wore purple clothes to \_\_\_\_\_ his famous style.
7. Trump has a popular \_\_\_\_\_, but I think many people don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ a president who has never worked in politics.

### Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

**on the campaign trail** - travelling to different places and events to meet voters before an election

**go to the polls** – vote

**fit** – suitable or in good health

**to illustrate** – to show or to give example of something

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## Listening task

### Multiple Choice

Listen to the news story and circle the best answer to complete the sentences. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. Hillary Clinton is on the campaign trail after taking a few \_\_\_\_\_ off.
  - a) days
  - b) weeks
  - c) nights
2. Clinton left a memorial in \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday.
  - a) North York City
  - b) New York City
  - c) Nottingham
3. She was seen staggering and being helped into a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) hotel
  - b) BMW
  - c) vehicle
4. Her opponent, Donald Trump, has said she lacks physical and \_\_\_\_\_ strength.
  - a) mental
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5. Clinton's personal physician said she was in \_\_\_\_\_ physical condition.
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7. Americans will vote for their president on November \_\_\_\_\_.
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### Food for Thought

Have you ever seen an American political campaign? Are they different from campaigns in Canada? Are they different from campaigns in your country?

## News story #2    Alberta honours the death of important football player/politician

### Setting the Scene



Norman Kwong at the Alberta Legislature in March, 2007. (Jason Scott/The Canadian Press) (CBC file photo)

Norman Kwong died earlier this month at the age of 86. He was famous in Alberta as the first Asian-Canadian to play in Canada's professional football league. He also worked as Alberta's lieutenant-governor, the person who represents the Queen in the provincial government. (It is pronounced lieutenant governor in Canada)

### Pre-listening Questions

What happens in your country when a famous politician dies?

Can you think of other politicians who had other careers? Who are they? What did they do?

## Vocabulary

### **Find the definition (Multiple Choice)**

Learning some of the new words you will hear in the listening will help you understand the news story. Read the sentences below and choose the best definition for the words in **bold**. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. When I hear piano music, I **remember** my old music teacher, Mrs. Barcelos.
  - a. think about something from the past
  - b. think about something from the future
2. This gallery shows the paintings of Alex Janvier, who is a famous **figure** in Canadian art.
  - a. important person
  - b. important style of art
3. Mario is studying Spanish. His grandparents are Mexican, and his **heritage** is important to him.
  - a. cultural history
  - b. work history
4. Soccer is a growing sport in Canada. There are three teams in the Major **League**.
  - a. a group of sports teams
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5. Tommy Douglas, who was the **Premier** of Saskatchewan, is famous for creating public healthcare.
  - a. hospital leader
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6. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau didn't always work in politics. He is a **former** school teacher.
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7. Naheed Nenshi, the **current** mayor of Calgary, used to work for citizen's groups in the city.
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  - a. thinks she is better than other people
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## Listening task

### Short Answer

Listen to the news story, then read and answer the questions below. Use vocabulary words in the questions to help you answer the questions. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. Why was Norman Kwong important in the CFL (Canadian Football League)?

2. Kwong played for two Canadian football teams. What were their names?

\_\_\_\_\_ Stampeders and \_\_\_\_\_ Eskimos

3. What was Kwong's relationship to the Calgary Flames?

4. When did Kwong become the lieutenant-governor for Alberta?

5. Where and when was the public state memorial for Kwong?

6. Match the three public figures who attended the memorial to their job.

Rachel Notley  
Stephen Harper  
Lois Mitchel

- former Prime Minister
- current lieutenant-governor
- Premier of Alberta

7. What type of person was Kwong? *Name two details.*

### Food for Thought

Why do you think Norman Kwong was so important for Canadians?

Can you think of any other famous people who were the first to do an important job?

### News story #3    Canada prepares for second royal visit

#### Setting the Scene



Prince William (*right*) and Kate Middleton (*left*) (Brian Lawless/Press Association via Associated Press) (CBC file photo)

Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton are part of the British Royal Family. They will visit Canada at the end of September, with their two children. Canada has a close relationship with Great Britain. Members of the Royal Family sometimes take tours of the country. William and Kate first toured Canada in 2011.

#### Pre-listening Questions

What do you know about Prince William and Kate Middleton?

What do you know about the relationship between Canada and Great Britain?

Does your country have a royal family? Did it have a royal family in the past? What was the family's job?

## Vocabulary

### Matching

Learning some of the new words you will hear in the listening will help you understand the news story. Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right. One answer has been completed for you. *Answers are in the appendix.*

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Vocabulary word</u>	<u>Definition</u>
_____	<b>Duke (n.)</b>	a) a trip through different parts of a country
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### Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

**Your Royal Highness** – a polite name for a royal person

**Sir** – a polite word to use to speak to a man

**Ma'am** – a polite word to use to speak to a woman

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## Listening task

### ***True or False***

Read the sentences below before you listen to the news story. As you listen, label the statements below as *True* or *False*. *Answers are in the appendix.*

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2. \_\_\_\_ The youngest royals are Prince George and Princess Kate.
3. \_\_\_\_ Prince George is two years older than his sister.
4. \_\_\_\_ The Duke and Duchess visited Canada once before.
5. \_\_\_\_ The Royal Family will be in Canada for eighteen days.
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11. \_\_\_\_ Canadians should not call the royals "Sir" or "Ma'am."
12. \_\_\_\_ The Royal Family will arrive in Canada on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Transcripts of Weekly news stories

	SEPTEMBER 19 <sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY NEWS STORIES	TIME
Introduction	I'm Shannon Scott and you're listening to Learning English with the CBC for Friday September 16 <sup>th</sup> .	0:00
Story 1	Hillary Clinton is once again on the campaign trail after taking a few days off to recover from pneumonia. Clinton is running for president of the United States as the democratic party nominee. On Sunday, she left a memorial commemorating the 9-11 attacks in New York City because she said she was "over heated". On her way out, she was seen staggering and being helped into a vehicle. Her campaign staff later said she had been diagnosed with pneumonia a week ago. Her opponent, Donald Trump, has been using her illness to illustrate why he thinks Clinton is not suited to be president. He has said she "lacks the mental and physical strength". In July, Clinton released a report from her personal physician saying she was in "excellent physical condition" and fit to serve as president. Meanwhile, Trump released a four-paragraph letter from his doctor saying he would be the "healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency". Voters will go to the polls to elect a president in the United States on Tuesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup> .	0:08
Story 2	In Calgary, people took some time this week to remember Norman Kwong, who died earlier this month. Kwong was a well-known figure in Alberta. He was the first person of Chinese heritage to play in the Canadian Football League. He joined the Calgary Stampeders in 1948, and later played for the Edmonton Eskimos. He was one of the first owners of the Calgary Flames, and in 2005, he became Alberta's 16th lieutenant-governor. A public state memorial was held to honour Kwong on Tuesday in Calgary. Among those at the memorial were Premier Rachel Notley, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and current lieutenant-governor Lois Mitchel. Kwong was remembered as a humble person, who always put his family first. Norman Kwong died on September 3rd. He was 86 years old.	1:16
Story 3	When the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge come to Canada later this month, they will be bringing the youngest royals with them. Three-year-old Prince George and 1-year-old Princess Charlotte will be coming with their parents Will and Kate. This is the Duke and Duchess's second visit to Canada and the first for the children. The Royal Family will be visiting British Columbia and Yukon during their 8-day visit. The tour will include stops in Victoria, Vancouver, Haida Gwaii, and Whitehorse, and will focus on charities and First Nations culture. For anyone lucky enough to meet the Royal family when there are in Canada there are some rules to follow. There will be no "selfies" allowed, and no hats after 6:30 pm. As for what to call them, "Your Royal Highness" or "Sir and Ma'am" is acceptable. The family is expected to arrive in Canada on September 24th.	2:10

## Answer keys

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#### Vocabulary

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*In 2005*
6. Where and when was the public state memorial for Kwong?  
*On Tuesday, in Calgary*
7. Name three people who were at the memorial. What are their jobs?  

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